Most of the items on which these import restrictions have been removed are produced in India, excepting certain electronic and hi-technology products like cellular phones and certain types of computers etc.

All the items on which import restrictions have been removed and which are other than consumer goods can be used by the indigenous industry.

Food grains are classified under Chapter 10 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items, 1997—2002. Import restriction on only one food grain—"common/coarse varieties of rice and rice, with 50% or more broken"—was removed vide notification 5/1997—2002 on 27-5-1997.

Operationalisation of certain subsidies in States

*330. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the States where Transport Subsidy, Central Capital Subsidy and Central Working Capital Subsidy are Operational;

(b) the quantum and eligibility criteria for above schemes;

(c) the state-wise sanctions and disbursements for the past five years;

(d) the nodal agency for administering these schemes in the North-Eastern Region;

(e) the reasons for delay in putting the new arrangements in place for the North Eastern Region; and

(f) by when these schemes are expected to be streamlined ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) :

(a) As on 1-04-2000, Transport Subsidy Scheme, Central Capital Investment Subsidy and Central Interest Subsidy Scheme are in operation in the North-East region comprising the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The Transport Subsidy Scheme was applicable to other regions of the country also namely the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, Darjeeling district of West Bengal, Union Territory of A&N Islands and Lakshadweep till 31-3-2000.

(b) The Transport Subsidy Scheme is applicable to all industrial units except plantation, refineries and power generating units. Under the Scheme, subsidy @ 50% to 90% is admissible on the transportation cost incurred on the movement of raw material and finished goods from the designated rail heads/ ports up to the location of the industrial unit and vice-versa for a period of five years from the date of commencement of commercial production.

The Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme, notified on 1-6-98 provides for the payment of subsidy to the industrial units located in identified locations in the region @ 15% per cent of the investment in plant and machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30 lakhs.

The Central Interest Subsidy Scheme notified on 19-2-99, provides for interest subsidy to the entrepreneurs @ 3% on the working capital loans.

(c) to (f) A statement giving details of the releases made to various States during the last five years under the Transport Subsidy Scheme is enclosed. (*See* below). The other two Schemes have been notified recently and no claim has so far been received from the State Governments. North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) has been designated as the nodal agency for the disbursement of subsidy under these schemes on the basis of the recommendations of State Level Committee. NEDFi along with the State Governments is actively promoting these schemes.

STATEMENT

Releases made to various States/UTs during the last five years, under transport subsidy scheme.

(Rupees in lakh rounded off)

Sl.No.	Name of the State/ UT	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total
1.	Assam	3861.10	2061-89	2548.61	1250.53	1195.24	10917.4
2.	Manipur	—	—	18.96	24.41	4.01	47.38
3.	Tripura	2.60	28.50	78.19	51.40	26.19	186.88
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	267.42	1243.55	277.21	606.46	2394.64

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ UT	1995-96	1996-97	1997 98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total
5.	Meghalaya	195.88	190.66	506.55	127.45	703.96	1724.5
6.	Nagaland	—	—	970.01	1169.19	649.02	2788.22
7.	Mizoram	405.30	—	—	103.29	347.22	855.81
8.	Sikkim	123.24	36.43	129.82	—	—	289.49
9.	Himachal Pradesh	36.88	973.19	824.77	4814.06	4650.79	11299.7
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	466.30	138.62	594.51	280.23	1479.66
11.	Uttar Pradesh	—	600.95	0.92	45.13	—	647
12.	Andaman & Nicobar	375.00	197.48	—	—	—	572.48
13.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	0
14.	West Bengal (Darjeeling)	—	—	—	42.82	36.88	79.7
	TOTAL	5000.00	4822.82	6460.00	8500.00	8500.00	33282.8

Nehru Yuvak Kendras

*331. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Nehru Yuvak Kendras Functioning at present in the country, Statewise;

(b) the number of such Kendras proposed to be set up in the different parts of the country during the current financial year; and

(c) the total amount of funds sanctioned and incurred thereon during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) :

(a) and (b) 500 Nehru Yuva Kendras are functioning in the country. There is no proposal to set up new Kendras in the country. State-wise position of existing Kendras is as follows :